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also out of office; Mr. Theophilus Davies, ex Consul for Great Britain and head of the firm of Theo. H. Davies & Co., agents for the Canadian-Australian steamship line; and there is Mr. T. Rain Walker, present British Consul, partner in the firm of Theo. H. Davies & Co., who are agents, &c.

While it is not thought good policy to wave the British flag too much in front of Uncle Sam, still it is just as well that the American people should be advised of facts that are transpiring, and these are current facts. It is also a matter of history that England's military advances are almost invariably made along the lines of her commercial outposts. The British trader, in this case Mr. Theophilus Davies and his partner, Mr. T. Rain Walker, almost invariably pioneers the way for the British soldier and for ultimate absorption. The Canadian-Pacific Australian line of steamships is heavily subsidized by Canada and the colonies. It has entered into direct competition with the American line of Spreckels from San Francisco, which we do not subsidize, and it is only a question of time when the British flag will have the trade. May not this account for the military activity that was recently reported from Vancouver?

This emphasizes what was formerly said of the trade and business antagonisms of Claus Spreckels and Theophilus Davies. But at present there is a monarchical combination between Spreckels, Davies, the English factor in Honolulu and the Royalists, a conglomerate not to be despised. It is decidedly amusing to those who know these different factions to see them joining forces. Spreckels in the interest of cheap labor to make money, Davies for trade and money under the cloak of the Princess, the Britishers in Honolulu for political offices, and the Royalists for free gain and a poppycock petticoat government. When these factions split what a tempest in a teapot there will be! How Spreckels will abuse Davies when he finds he has no more use for him, and that the Britisher is securing his trade and steamship business! What times there will be! They are not very far off, either, and they will create more talk and amusement than all the revolutions that have gone before.

Mr. Claus Spreckels has had so much to say about the money he is getting to lose if the Hawaiian Islands are annexed to the United States on account of his then being unable to procure any more Chinese cheap labor, that it is just as well the people should know what his pay roll amounts to. The Hawaiian Annual for 1893 shows that his Honolulu firm holds agencies for ten sugar plantations, employing 5158 hands. The wage rates of these laborers is \$16 per month for Hawaiian natives, of whom there are very few working on the plantations; \$19 per month for Portuguese; about \$13 and board for Chinese, while the Japanese boys, girls and women get about \$10 per month, and the Japanese men get from \$12.50 to \$15 per month.

The average of all these wages is just about \$15 per month, if \$6 per month be allowed as the cost of feeding the Chinese. It does not cost so much to feed a Chinaman, but let it go at that. This brings the total pay roll of Mr. Spreckels up to \$7,737 per month for all his plantations, or \$92,844 per annum. There are sixty-four sugar plantations in the Islands altogether, and only ten are in the hands of Mr. Spreckels. The other fifty-four plantation owners are not kicking about any advance in wages that they may be called upon to pay their hands, and why should Mr. Spreckels with his ten plantations be presumed to voice the views of the other fifty-four planters? He does nothing of the sort. They are not fearing and trembling now because they may have to pay out more wage money, although they are not nearly so rich as Mr. Spreckels.

The Islands produce 130,000 tons of sugar every year, if the plantations of Mr. Spreckels grow 60,000 tons of sugar, and this is doubtful. Though he claims to own everything there, he is only paying wages of \$92,844 per annum for his contract labor. This means that each pound of sugar he produces costs him less than one-twelfth of a cent per pound for wages. Is not this magnanimous? If Mr. Spreckels were to be liberal and pay his men as much as one-tenth of a cent per pound of sugar that he produces, then his total pay roll would only amount to \$1,200,000 yearly, or \$232.50 per annum for each laborer, or almost \$20 per month each, in place of the \$15 per month that he now gives them; and this would bring them above the level of wages in Louisiana, which, he says, "is the only place where they pay anything like wages."

It seems strange that a man worth as many millions as Mr. Spreckels is should be kicking because he may have to pay for labor more than one-twelfth of a cent per pound on his sugar. Be generous, Mr. Spreckels, and make it one-tenth of a cent. You sell the sugar for three cents per pound net to Mr. Claus Spreckels, the sugar refiner. What is more, he deducts a quarter of a cent per pound from the market price before paying for the 70,000 tons that he buys from the other planters, which amounts to \$350,000 yearly, or three and one-half times as much as he pays for all his own labor. In other words, the other planters are paying the \$92,844 labor bill of Mr. Spreckels, and also contributing \$257,176 besides to his privy purse. What infernal rot this man Spreckels talks about the cost of his sugar plantation contract labor!

ONE WHO KNOWS.

The present habit among men of wearing bangles may be traced to the male portrait of the royal family. The Prince of Wales wears one, while the Duke of Edinburgh has a bracelet so fixed on his wrist that it cannot be removed without a file being brought into requisition. The German Emperor also wears a bracelet.

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